# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2548
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BELOW POVERTY LINE
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) the percentage of population below the poverty line in 1987-88 and 2001-2002, State- wise;

(b) The yardstick of poverty in 1987-88 and 2001-2002; and

(c) The poverty alleviation targets enunciated in the Tenth Plan approach paper?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & MINISTE STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the largesample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years.The latest such survey was conducted in 1999-2000 (NSS 55th Round).The state wise percentage of people living below the poverty line for the years 1987-88 and 1999-2000 are given in Annexure I.

(b): The Planning Commission has adopted per capita consumption expenditure as the criterion to determine the persons living below the poverty line. The per capita consumption has been fixed at Rs 49.09 per month in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 per month in urban areas at 1973-74 prices at national level corresponding to a basket of goods and services anchored on a norm of per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 kcal in rural areas and 2100 kcal in urban areas. The state-specific poverty lines are derived from the national level poverty lines, using state-specific price indices and inter-state price differentials. The state specific poverty lines for the years 1987-88 and 1999-2000 are given in Annexure II.
(c ): The Planning Commission, in its Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan hasproposed a reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012 as one of the Monitorable Targets of the Tenth Plan. Annexure - I Statement Referred to Reply to part(a) of the Lok Sabha UnstarredQuestion No. 2548 regarding Below Poverty LinePercentage of Population Living Below the Poverty Line

S.No. State 1987-88 1999-2000

1. Andhra Pradesh 25.86 15.77

2. Arunachal Pr. 36.22 33.47

3. Assam 36.21 36.09

4. Bihar 52.13 42.60

5. Goa 24.52 4.40
6. Gujarat 31.54 14.07

7 Haryana 16.64 8.74

8. Himachal Pr. 15.45 7.63

9. Jammu & Kashmir 23.82 3.48
10. Karnataka 37.53 20.04
11. Kerala 31.79 12.72
12. Madhya Pradesh 43.07 37.43

13. Maharashtra 40.41 25.02
14. Manipur 31.35 28.54
15. Meghalaya 33.92 33.87
16. Mizoram 27.52 19.47
17. Nagaland 34.43 32.67
18. Orissa 55.58 47.15
19. Punjab 13.20 6.16
20. Rajasthan 35.15 15.28
21. Sikkim 36.06 36.55
22. Tamil Nadu 43.39 21.12
23. Tripura 35.23 34.44
24. Uttar Pradesh 41.46 31.15
25. West Bengal 44.72 27.02
26. A & N Island 43.89 20.99
27. Chandigarh 14.67 5.75
28. Dadra & Nagar
Haveli 67.11 17.14
29. Daman & Diu - 4.44
30. Delhi 12.41 8.23
31. Lakshadweep 34.95 15.60
32. Pondicherry 41.46 21.67
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All India 38.86 26.10

Annexure - IIStatement Referred to Reply to part(b) of the Lok Sabha UnstarredQuestion No. 2548 regarding Below Poverty Line State-Specific Poverty Lines (Rs.per capita per month)

S.No. State 1987-88 1999-2000
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Rural Urban Rural Urban
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1. Andhra Pradesh 91.94 151.88 262.94 457.40

2. Assam 127.44 126.60 365.43 343.99

3. Bihar 120.36 150.25 333.07 379.78

4. Gujarat 115.00 173.18 318.94 474.41

5. Haryana 122.90 143.22 362.81 420.20
6. Himachal Pr. 122.90 144.10 367.45 420.20

7 Karnataka 104.46 171.18 309.59 511.44

8. Kerala 130.61 163.29 374.79 477.06

9. Madhya Pradesh 107.00 178.35 311.34 481.65
10. Maharashtra 115.61 189.17 318.63 539.71
11. Orissa 121.42 165.40 323.92 473.12
12. Punjab 122.90 144.98 362.68 388.15
13. Rajasthan 117.52 165.38 344.03 465.92
14. Tamil Nadu 118.23 165.82 307.64 475.60
15. Uttar Pradesh 114.57 154.15 336.88 416.29
16. West Bengal 129.21 149.96 350.17 409.22
17. Delhi 122.90 176.91 362.68 505.45
All India 115.20 162.16 327.56 454.11